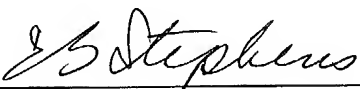


REMARKS

Method aspects that were claimed in withdrawn claims 17-22, are now incorporated into dependent claims 28-31. Since claims 17-22 have already been searched and examined, corresponding dependent claims 28-31 should now be allowable along with the elected apparatus claims for the reasons explained in the response filed on 5 February 2004.

For any question on the application or the art, the examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney at the number below.

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